



The “EYE”



SCHOOL SAFETY

THE DO'S AND DON'TS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Parents and children have recently had to start the daily activity of “getting to school”. Now that the initial rush of the first month of school has past, parents should remember to remind their children about basic safety practices while going to and from school. The two lists below are just some safety topics that should be reviewed.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY (FOR CHILDREN)



- ✓ Work out the safest and quickest route home with your parents. Always use crosswalks and stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields or any other place with very few people around.
- ✓ Walk to school using the “buddy system”. Walk with your brother, sister, neighbor or friend. **NEVER WALK ALONE!**
- ✓ Be sure to know how to contact your parents or guardian. Know how to use 911.
- ✓ Never talk to strangers or accept rides from them. A stranger is anyone you don't know.
- ✓ If you bike to school, **ALWAYS** wear a helmet. Remember to **LOCK YOUR BIKE UP!**
- ✓ If you are home alone after school, **ALWAYS** check in with a parent or neighbor once home.
- ✓ Let your parents and friends know if you stay late after school. Don't forget to ask your parent's permission to go to a friends house after school.
- ✓ REMEMBER, if it feels wrong, it probably is!

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY (FOR PARENTS)

- ✓ Teach your child their address and home phone number. They should be able to contact you at work or home. Teach them the proper use of 911.
- ✓ Plan a route to school with your child. Choose the quickest and safest route with the least street crossings. Tell them to stay away from open fields, lots, and parks where there are few people.
- ✓ Teach children to always obey the traffic signals and laws. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.
- ✓ Have children use the “buddy system”. They should walk with a brother, sister, neighbor or friend. **TELL THEM NOT TO STOP FOR OR TALK TO STRANGERS!**
- ✓ When carpooling, deliver and pick up children as close to the school as possible. **DON'T LEAVE UNTIL THEY ARE INSIDE THE SCHOOL.**
- ✓ If your child is alone for a couple of hours after school, have them contact you once they get home. They must also be able to follow your rules.
- ✓ Take time to listen to your child's concerns. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take their fears and concerns seriously!



The Lincoln Police Department has a snazzy new show car! Local business owner, Mark Allensworth, approached the department with the idea of using a decommissioned cruiser and through private donations, refurbish it into a “show vehicle”. It will be used for special events such as displays, car shows and parades. The cruiser, which is a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, has been customized with LED lights, a pearlized white custom paint job, chrome custom wheels, and a single prisoner transport cage.

Mark & Jackie Allensworth, owners of **Clean Management Services**, initiated the project after hearing and seeing of a similar car that was given to the Ashland Police Department. They also contributed funding to the project. Their contributions purchased police lighting equipment, custom chrome wheels, and helped fund the special decal theme.

Other contributors to the project were as follows:

Wayne’s Body Shop—Craig Johnson - All body and custom paint work

Cichoracki Motor Company—David Cichoracki - Mechanical work

Signs Now—John Hoppy Jr. & Amanda Jeffery - Custom decals and application

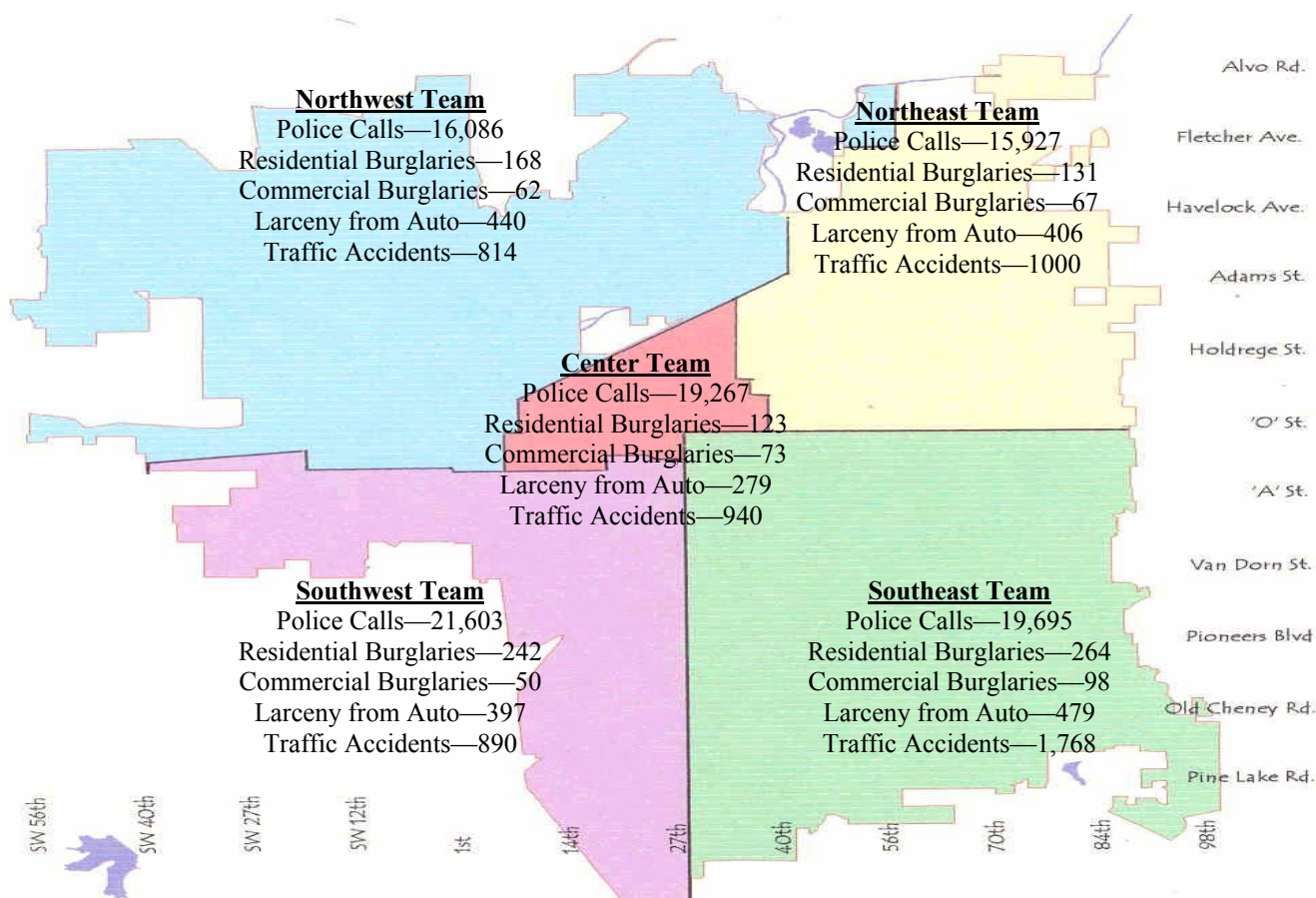
Jim McNeil—Custom Embroidery on the front seats of the departments shoulder patch

McVickers Auto Upholstrey—Randy McVickers— Seat cover installation



It is important to say that this project couldn’t have been completed without being completely funded by donations. Except for the car, all other services were generously donated or offered at a reduced rate. The Lincoln Police Department would like to thank Mark & Jackie Allensworth for their efforts as coordinators in funding and implementation of this project. The Lincoln Police Department would also like to thank the other contributors for their gifts that all led to the gift of a new “Show Car” that will be appreciated by all the citizens of Lincoln, young and old.

SUMMARY OF REPORTED CRIMES between 1-01-2006 and 8-31-2006



STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Through August of 2006 there have been 94,504 police calls for service across the city. This is 2% fewer calls for service than in the same time frame in 2005. The total number of residential burglaries for the city so far is 930, a 12.9% increase from the previous year. Larcenies from auto reports are down 16.7% compared to this same time period last year. As of the end of August 2006, 2,081 incidents of larceny from auto have been reported.

During the first seven months of the year, there have been 350 commercial burglaries reported. Compared to the same time period in 2005, that gives us a 11.4% decrease in business break-ins. During the months of June and July, there have been an unusually large amount of commercial burglaries that involved the theft of copper piping and aluminum piping. The police department asks you to continue to pay attention to the neighborhood businesses for any unusual people or occurrences. Please call the police when you see any suspicious activities.

The Lincoln Police Department would like to thank Officer Ed McMeen for his tireless efforts in working with the Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer McMeen retired on August 4th, 2006 after serving as a Police Officer for 31 years. Ofc. Ed McMeen was the program coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch Program for seven years and saw the program grow to its' current size of more than 18,000 active households in the Neighborhood Watch Program in Lincoln. We want to see the program continue to grow and flourish. The new coordinator of the program is Officer Jason Hellmuth who has been in the Education and Personnel unit along side Officer McMeen, for the last year and a half. His contact information is as follows:

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Halloween Safety Plans **HOW KIDS AND PARENTS CAN FEEL SAFE**



Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be very scary. Concerns about children's safety, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back home with their treats, can darken an otherwise happy day. But not to worry! To make Halloween a treat for all, follow these great tips!

- ✓ Make sure children's costumes are flame retardant, so the ghosts and ghouls are not in danger by burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- ✓ Try make up instead of a mask. Sometimes masks hamper the vision of children. Be Safe! Wear a scary face created by make up rather than an over the head or over the face type mask.
- ✓ Make sure the kids wear light colored costumes or have a reflective material on the costume or bag they are carrying. Tell them to obey all safety and traffic rules.
- ✓ Have the kids trick-or-treat in groups so they are not a target for real life goblins! Parents should accompany young children.
- ✓ Trick-or-Treat while it is light. If you are out later, make sure you have a flashlight with you.



- ✓ DO NOT ENTER STRANGE HOUSES OR CARS!! Real monsters could be inside!
- ✓ After kids get home and they are ready to eat their fill, check the candy and treats before that happens.

